settled and payment arranged to the parties. Details of these cases are attached in the statement (*see* below)

Statement

S.No.	Case No.	Amount Paid (in Rs.)
1.	23/2680	336/-
2.	23/2681	138/-
3.	16/2768	66/-
4.	16/2775	35/-
5.	7/5498	268/-
6.	7/5499	268/-
7.	7/5500	268/-
8.	7/5492	268/-
9.	7/5493	268/-
10.	7/5494	268/-
11.	7/5509	536/-
12.	7/5513	804/-
13.	7/5514	268/-
14.	7/5575	268/-
15.	7/5576	268/-
16.	7/5518	268/-
17.	7/5520	536/-
18.	7/5523	268/-
19.	7/5525	536/-
20.	7/5536	804/-
21.	7/5541	268/-
22.	7/5542	536/-
23.	7/5543	268/-
24.	7/5545	536/-
25.	7/5607	165/-
26.	7/5619	268/-
27.	7/5691	268/-
28.	7/5638	536/-
29.	7/5575	536/-
30.	9/2237	420/-
31.	9/2135	299/-
32.	13/9873	393/-
33.	13/9874	360/-
34.	13/9860	128/-
35.	12/9855	390/-
36.	12/4440	306/-
37.	10/787	648/-
38.	10/817	280/-
39.	4/6723	233/-
40.	9/2261	151/-
41.	9/2223	338/-
42.	9/2239	220/-
	TOTAL	14226/-

Policy to provide soft drink Stalls at Railway stations

1206. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any policy of providing PEPSI, BROOK BOND and COCA COLA stalls in place of Departmental Catering Stalls on Platforms at New Delhi and other stations on Northern Railways;

(b) if so, what is the job security of the vendors who are working at these stalls for a pretty long time; and

(c) whether the Railways have recovered any charges from such companies as mentioned at (a) above for the advertisement made on their stalls; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir. The department stalls have been modernised by these companies at their cost. The automatic dispensers installed by them within the departmental stalls are operated by the departmental vendors on commission basis.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

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1207. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या भारतीय रेल इसके बजट में कटौती एवं बाजार से ऋण एवं अन्य संसाधन न जुटा पाने के कारण गंभीर आर्थिक संकट का सामना कर रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संकट से उबरने के लिए उसने कितनी धनराशि की मांग केन्द्र सरकार से की है;

(ग) रेल मंत्रालय द्वारा बाजारों से ऋण एवं अन्य स्रोतों से संसाधन जुटाने हेतु वर्ष 1993-94 एवं 1994-95 में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है; और

(घ) स संबंध में उसे मिली सफलता एवं असफलता का ब्यौरा क्या है?

रेल मंत्री (श्री राम विलास पासवान): (क) और (ख) भारतीय रेलें अपर्याप्त बजटीय सहायता के कारण वित्तीय तंगी का सामना कर रही हैं। नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में केन्द्र सरकार से सार्वजनिक सेवा दायिताओं के लिए बजटीय सहायता और एज-सहायता के रूप में 29,250 करोड़ रुपए की राशि की आवश्यकता है। भारतीय रेलों ने योजना आयोग से इस राशि की मांग की है।

(ग) रेल मंत्रालय भारतीय रेल वित्त निगम के जरिए 1993-94 और 1994-95 के वर्षों के दौरान 740.71 करोड़ रुपये और 206.50 करोड़ का बाजार ऋण जुटाने में सफल रहा था।

(घ) 1993-94 और 1994-95 के वर्षों के दौरान बाडों की कम मांग के कारण बाजार से लक्ष्य के अनुसार राशि नहीं जुटाई जा सकी। इस कारण क्रमशः 159.29 करोड़ रुपये और 843.50 करोड़ रुपये की कमी रह गई।

Setting of New Zonal Offices of Railways

1208. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what economic, administrative and other criteria have been fixed to set up new zonal offices of Railways;

(b) what are the places where new zonal offices were set up on these grounds during the last five years;

(c) whether any decision has been taken to set up new railway zones on these grounds in 1996-97; and

(d) if so, the details of the available required criteria to set up railway zone at Hazipur and the lack of same criteria prevailing in Bilaspur?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) New zones are set up keeping in view factors like size, workload, accessibility, traffic patterns and other operation/ administrative requirements etc. consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency.

(b) to (d) Keeping the various factors in view, the Government has decided to set up six new zones with headquarters to Bhubaneswar, Allahabad, Hajipur, Jaipur, Bangalore and Jabalpur. The issue of reorganisation had been examined earlier by the Railway Reform Committee and recently by an Advisors' Committee, neither of which had recommended location of a zonal headqauarters at Bilaspur.

The inaugural functions of all the zonal offices have been held as follows:—

Bhubaneswar on 8.8.96, Allahabad on 28.8.96.

Hajipur on 8.9.96, Jaipur on 17.10.96, Bangalore on 1.11.96 & Jabalpur on 8.12.96.

Gauge conversion of Bharuch-Dahej Railway line

1209. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representations from the general public, entrepreneurs and representation of the people of Gujarat for according priority to the gauge conversion of Bharuch-Dahej Railway line in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to initiate gauge conversion of this line on priority basis; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Requests have been received for gauge conversion of this line from State Government and the Hon'ble MPs.

(c) Survey for gauge conversion of this line has been completed and the survey report included in the proposed 3rd line Virar-Ahmedabad project is under consideration in the Ministry.

(d) Does not arise.